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SUBJECT: MINISTER LOPEZ RODO ACCEPTS INVITATION FOR U S VISIT

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1. ON APRIL 16 I EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO PLANNING MINISTER LAUREANO LOPEZ RODO ON BEHALF OF CHAIRMAN RUSSELL E TRAIN OF THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO INCLUDE A VISIT TO WASHINGTON WHILE ON A SEPARATELY- PLANNED VISIT TO THE U S. I INDICATED THAT DURING THE TIME THE MINISTER WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON HE WOULD BE THE GUEST OF THE U S GOVT. I ALSO INDICATED (PER REFTEL C) THAT CHAIRMAN TRAIN WOULD BE PREPARED TO INCLUDE IN THE PROGRAM APPOINTMENTS FOR HIM WITH OTHER U S GOVT OFFICIALS UPON WHOM HE MIGHT WISH TO CALL.

2. ON APRIL 23 MINISTER LOPEZ RODO ACCEPTED THE INVITATION IN A LETTER TO ME, A TRANSLATION OF WHICH FOLLOWS (UNESSENTIAL WORDS OMITTED):

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" I ACCEPT WITH GREAT PLEASURE THE INVITATION THAT WILL PERMIT ME TO RENEW MY CONTACTS WITH MY EXCELLENT FRIEND, MR TRAIN, THAT WERE INITIATED A YEAR AGO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS VISIT TO SPAIN AT WHICH TIME I HAD THE PLEASURE OF ACCOMPANYING HIM IN THE AUDIENCE THAT WAS GRANTED HIM BY THE SPANISH CHIEF OF STATE.

" INsofar AS THE VARIOUS DATES THAT WERE PROPOSED BY CHAIRMAN TRAIN, THE MOST CONVENIENT FOR ME WOULD BE THE 14 AND 15 OF MAY.

" IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT YOU HAVE INDICATED TO ME, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM OF MY OFFICIAL STAY IN WASHINGTON INTERVIEWS WITH THE SECRETARIES OF TREASURY, MR SCHULTZ, AND OF COMMERCE, MR DENT, AS WELL AS WITH MR FLANIGAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COUNCIL ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY, WITH MR STEIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS, WITH ARTHUR BURNS, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD, AND WITH MR ASH, HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. ALSO, LET ME SAY THAT IT WOULD BE A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO BE RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT NIXON, FOR WHOM I HAVE GREAT ADMIRATION, IN A WAY SIMILAR TO THAT WHEN THE SPANISH CHIEF OF STATE AND THE PRINCE OF SPAIN CONCEDED AUDIENCES TO MR TRAIN".

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A PROGRQM ASAP IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO LOPEZ RODO' S LETTER. (COMBUSITION ENGINEERING' S INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN LOPEZ RODO' S VISIT MIGHT BE KEYED INTO THE PLANNING AT THIS STAGE, SO THAT WE COULD CONVEY SIMULTANEOUSLY CE' S INVITATION.)

4. IN VIEW OF LOPEZ RODO' S INFLUENCE ON THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SCENE WHICH GOES BEYOND HIS CAPACITY AS DEVELOPMENT PLANNING MINISTER, AND HIS PREEMINENT POSITION AS SPANISH ECONOMIC POLICY MAKER, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR THE DEPT TO ACCORD HIM SPECIAL ATTENTION IN WASHINTON AND ACCOMMODATE HIS PROGRAM REQUESTS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. BUT, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT HIS POSITION WARRANTS THE SAME CONSIDERATION WITH REGARD TO A VISIT TO THE PRESIDENT THAT WAS GIVEN TO LOPEZ BRAVO, WHO CAME TO WASHINGTON AS A SPECIAL EMISSARY OF FRANCO.

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